

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
SEATTLE DIVISION**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND
EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

DRAGONCHAIN, INC., DRAGONCHAIN
FOUNDATION, THE DRAGON
COMPANY, and JOSEPH J. ROETS,

Defendants.

Case No. 22-cv-01145-JNW

Hon. Jamal N. Whitehead

JOINT STATUS REPORT

On December 27, 2024, the Court stayed this matter until January 27, 2025 and ordered the parties to submit a Joint Status Report by January 27, 2025 that provides (1) the date by which the case will be ready for trial; (2) the estimated number of trial days required; (3) whether the parties intend to mediate further; and (4) a proposed summary judgment or cross-summary judgment briefing schedule (whichever applies). (Dkt. No. 40.)

Defendants respectfully request an additional 90-day stay of this matter, further discussed below, up to and including April 28, 2025.

1 On January 23, 2025, President Trump issued an Executive Order (the “Order”) to provide,
 2 among other things, regulatory clarity, and to “promote United States leadership in digital assets and
 3 financial technology while protecting economic liberty.”¹ Additionally, the Order imposes certain 30,
 4 60, and 180-day obligations that Defendants believe will affect current SEC’s enforcement actions.²
 5 The Order establishes a President’s Working Group on Digital Asset Markets (the “Working Group”)
 6 to be led by the White House’s AI and crypto czar, David Sacks.³ The Working Group will deliver
 7 recommendations within 60 days on rules or regulations affecting crypto that could be rescinded or
 8 modified, with regulatory and legislative proposals to follow within 180 days.⁴ Additionally, the
 9 Order revokes Executive Order 14067, the Treasury’s 2022 “Framework for International
 10 Engagement on Digital Assets”, and the SEC has repealed SAB 121.⁵

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 13 Mark T. Uyeda has been named Acting Chairman of the SEC.⁶ On or around January 21, 2025,
 14 Mr. Uyeda launched a crypto task force (the “Task Force”) “dedicated to developing a comprehensive
 15 and clear regulatory framework for crypto assets”⁷ with SEC Commissioner Hester Peirce leading
 16 the Task Force. “The Task Force’s focus will be to help the Commission draw clear regulatory lines,
 17 provide realistic paths to registration, craft sensible disclosure frameworks, and deploy enforcement
 18 resources judiciously.”⁸

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 23 ¹ Exec. Order. (Jan 23, 2025) Strengthening American Leadership in Digital Financial Technology (the “Order”),
 24 <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/strengthening-american-leadership-in-digital-financial-technology/>

² *Id.*

25 ³ *Id.*; See also Trump Forms Crypto Working Group To Create Fed. Framework (Jan. 23, 2025), <https://www.law360.com/consumerprotection/articles/2288252/trump-forms-crypto-working-group-to-create-fed-framework>

26 ⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*; See <https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/staff-guidance/staff-accounting-bulletins/staff-accounting-bulletin-122>

27 ⁶ Acting Chairman (Jan. 25, 2025), <https://www.sec.gov/about/sec-commissioners/mark-t-uyeda>

28 ⁷ See SEC Crypto 2.0: Acting Chairman Uyeda Announces Formation of New Crypto Task Force (Jan. 21, 2025) <https://www.sec.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2025-30>

⁸ *Id.*

1 In light of these developments, Defendants request a 90-day stay.

2 The SEC does not take a position on Defendants' request. Upon the Court's resolution of
3 Defendants' request, the Parties will propose a schedule for the remainder of the case in accordance
4 with any further deadline ordered by the Court.
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6 Dated: this 27th day of January 2025

Respectfully submitted,

7 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND
8 EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 29th day of January 2025.


HONORABLE JAMAL N. WHITEHEAD